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Application No. 09/498,793

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 25, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On June 19, 2003, in an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner (Paper No. 19), the application was returned to the examiner to consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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filed July 16, 2002 (Paper No. 10) and to notify appellants of such consideration. A review of the file reveals that the IDS was not considered by the examiner.

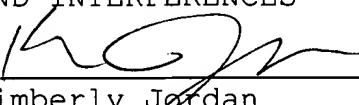
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (Paper No. 10); 2) appropriate notification by the examiner to appellants of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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